

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
March 11, 2014

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen, Craig Strong, Mike Tavlin, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Roma Amundson, Karla Lester and Rick Hoppe (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Steve Frederick, Scott Holmes, John Chess, Karl Dietrich, Melissa Oerman, Claudia Pankoke, Gwendy Meginnis, Lisa Graf, Amanda Mortenson and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Nancy Hicks and Jane Raybold

Ms. Halstead introduced Craig Strong as a new member of the Board of Health. Lt. Col. Strong is employed with the Nebraska National Guard. Board members and staff introduced themselves to Lt. Col. Strong.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked to add under Current Business - Information Items - WIC Program Update & Presentation. She asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Emery that the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the February 11, 2014 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff completed the Department's 2014-2016 budget request and it was submitted to the City Finance Department on February 27, 2014. She thanked Ms. Cook and her staff for their good work.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department will oversee a full scale functional mass casualty exercise on March 19, 2014. Participants will include area hospitals, Lincoln Fire and Rescue and area emergency managers.

Ms. Halstead stated the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 11:30 AM at Bryan Health East in the Conference Center.

Election of Officers for the coming year will be held at the April 8, 2014 meeting. Ms. Halstead asked Board members to let her know if they are interested in an officer position.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Appointment to the Food Advisory Committee

Mr. Holmes stated a vacancy exists on the Food Advisory Committee. Staff are recommending the appointment of Matthew Morrison from B & R Stores to serve on the Committee. Mr. Morrison has agreed to serve if appointed.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that Board of Health approve the appointment of Matthew Morrison to the Food Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Resolution Regarding Electronic Cigarettes

Ms. Halstead and Ms. Burke stated staff are proposing the ban of electronic cigarettes in all buildings, facilities, tobacco-free areas of parks and vehicles owned by the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and Public Building Commission. Ms. Burke noted several key points about e-cigarettes including they are being marketed like cigarettes were in the 1950s and 1960s, youth are rapidly adopting e-cigarettes, e-cigarettes have not been proven to help people quit smoking; there is a high level of dual use of e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes among adults, and currently there is little research on direct health effects. She noted more and more businesses in the community are prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in their facilities. Mr. Sieh reviewed the proposed Resolution that recommends the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster, and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission adopt a policy prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes in all buildings, facilities, tobacco-free areas of parks, and vehicles owned and/or operated by the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster or the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the Resolution regarding Electronic Cigarettes and forward it to the Mayor, Lancaster County Commissioners and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission for consideration and approval. Second by Dr. Petersen. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

3. Proposed Revisions to LMC 8.38 - Public Swimming Pools

Mr. Sieh stated staff are proposing to update the Lincoln Municipal Code 8.38 Public Swimming Pools and 8.40 Spa Facilities Ordinance and Associated Design and Safety Standards. LMC 8.38 was enacted in 1978 and LMC 8.40 was enacted in 1989 with no major updates to either ordinance since they were enacted. Mr. Sieh reviewed the proposed revisions and the definitions to the Code. Mr. Chess stated three public meetings were held to gain public input on the proposed ordinance and standards. He stated staff conduct nearly 500 inspections per year.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Lincoln Municipal Code 8.38 and the Associated Design and Operational Standards and rescind Lincoln Municipal Code 8.40 and forward the revisions to the Lincoln City Council for approval. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)A. Legislative Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on legislation the Department is following. Bills of interest include 1) LB887 Wellness in Nebraska Act; 2) LB807 - seatbelt usage and texting while driving - primary offenses; 3) LB861 - banning the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors now amended into LB863; and 4) LR422 - designating the Legislature's Nebraska Health & Human Services and Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committees to develop policy recommendations towards transformation of Nebraska's health care system.; and 5) LB276 - Early Development Network services/MIPS.

B. WIC Program Update and Presentation

Ms. Pankoke and Ms. Oerman provided a presentation on the Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program. The federal program began in 1974 and the Health Department began providing WIC services in 1992. Today, WIC services are provided to 6,200 individuals in Lancaster County. The Department's WIC program's current caseload is 3,450 clients. Staff provide nutrition and health information and nutritional foods to clients. They reviewed the eligibility requirements, target populations, locations, the breastfeeding program, and the partnerships with other agencies in the community.

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

Election of Officers - April, 2014

Review of March 19, 2014 Preparedness Exercise

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting - April 8, 2014 - 5:00 PM

Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony - Thursday, April 24, 2014 - 11:30 AM - Bryan Health East Conference Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President